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Application of: VITE et al.

Application No.: 09/084,542

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For: EPOTHILONE DERIVATIVES

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

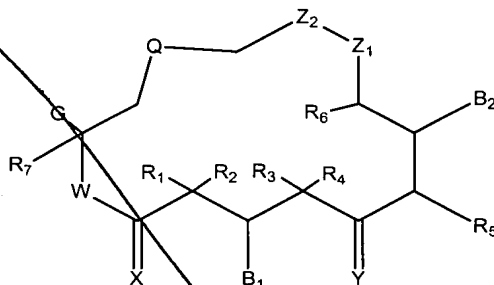
In response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the following amendments and remarks for consideration and entry into the record of the above-captioned application. Applicants are also submitting an Associate Power of Attorney directed to the undersigned. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance thereof.

A marked up version of the amended claims showing insertions and deletions is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1, and 4-6 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A compound of the formula



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